



**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

**Public Comment for the NOAA Research and Development Plan**

**AGENCY:** National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research (OAR), Department of Commerce (DOC).

**ACTION:** Notice of public comment.

**SUMMARY:** This notice sets forth a public comment for NOAA's Research and Development (R&D) Plan set for release in 2019. NOAA R&D is an investment in the scientific knowledge and technology that will allow the United States to protect lives and property, adapt to challenges, sustain a strong economy, and manage natural resources. The R&D strategic plan will provide a common understanding among NOAA's leadership, workforce, partners, and constituents on the value and direction of NOAA R&D activities.

**DATES:** Comments are due by **[INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE *FEDERAL REGISTER*]**.

Please refer to the web page

<https://nrc.noaa.gov/CouncilProducts/ResearchPlans.aspx> to find the previous NOAA R&D plan.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit public comments via email to [noaa.rdplan@noaa.gov](mailto:noaa.rdplan@noaa.gov). Include "NOAA R&D Plan Public Comment" in the subject line of the message. All comments received are part of the public record.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Key vision statement areas of the plan include: 1) Reduced societal impacts from severe weather and other environmental phenomena; 2) Sustainable use of ocean and coastal resources; and 3) A robust and effective research, development, and transition enterprise. Comments may address the proposed vision statements as well as key questions, objectives, document structure, and other content and formatting aspects to consider for a draft R&D

Plan.

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